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## **RESPONSE TO 25 MAY 2010 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner KC Srivastava:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated **25 May 2010** Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

## **SUMMARY OF NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Claims 1-30	Restriction Requirement Final
Claims 14-30	Elected and Examined
Priority	Acknowledged
Search Report	Search Report Reference not part of an IDS
Specification	Priority of PCT/US04/38808 not cited in paragraph [0001]
Claim 30	112, 2 <sup>nd</sup> ¶ − antecedent basis problem
Claims 14-26	102(b) – Logon (US6214607)
Claims 27-30	103(a) – Logan + Venkatesh et al (US6066257)